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EUCOM RELOCATION

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1. REF A ANNOUNCES (INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS) VISIT OF A TWO-MAN HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATIONS TEAM TO EUROPE (FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 12) TO LOOK INTO THE PROS AND CONS OF A PROPOSED COLLOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS EUCOM WITH HEADQUARTERS SHAPE IN BELGIUM. THE ANNOUNCED ITINERARY INCLUDES ONLY US MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY AND SHAPE IN BELGIUM. DURING VISITS AT HQ EUCOM AND HQ SHAPE THE TEAM PROPOSES TO INQUIRE, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, INTO THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE MOVE.

2. THE TENOR OF REF A SUGGESTS THAT HAC IS UNDERTAKING THE INVESTIGATION ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT EUCOM-SHAPE COLLOCATION IS SETTLED ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND THAT
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THE S&I TEAM'S PRIMARY FOCUS WILL BE ON THE MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND COSTS ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE (REFS B AND D), THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT GIVEN ITS ASSENT TO THE COLLOCATION PROPOSAL AND IS, IN FACT, SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE PROSPECT EVEN BEFORE THE PROPOSAL IS FORMALLY PUT TO IT. WE UNDERSTAND (REF C) THAT INTER-AGENCY CONSIDERATION

OF THE COLLOCATION PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

3. WE REITERATE OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE POLITICAL
SALEABILITY OF THIS PROJECT TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.
WE DOUBT THAT THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES TEAM WILL BE
ABLE TO GET A FULL UNDERSTANDING ON THIS TOUR OF THE
POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR THE EMBASSY. WE SUGGEST THAT
THE DEPARMENT RECOMMEND SUCH CONSULTATIONS TO THE
HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE STAFFERS. RENNER

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